

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of OBJECTION to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will RESULT TO consumers like me NO CHOICES TO THE PRICE GAUZZING WHICH IS HAPPENNING NOW, FORCE CONSUMERS TO SUBSCRIBE TO BASIC CHANNEL PACKAGE (ONE CHOICE ONLY) OF HIGH COST, MANIPULATE CONSUMERS TO ADD A LA CARTE OF COMMON PROGRAMMING TO SIPHON MORE PROFITS.

By merging, the combined company will be a much stronger MANIPULATOR to CONSUMERS LIKE ME. Throughout the country, people will HAVE NO CHOICE BUT SUCCUMB TO THE EXPENSIVE comprehensive package of national video programming WITHOUT CHOICE OF LIMITED BUT CHEAPER PACKAGES (WHICH WERE AVAILABLE IN THE PAST BUT WERE ELIMINATED FOR HIGHER PROFITS.

DESPITE ALL THE PROMISES AS ADVERTISED AS FOLLOW, CONSUMERS ARE FORCED TO PURCHASE NEW PROPRIETY SYSTEMS FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FEATURES WITHOUT MEANS TO DISPOSE OF THE OLD. 'But just as exciting, the merger will bring the availability of affordable high-speed Internet service by satellite to over 40 million Americans who don't have high-speed Internet access. These tremendous benefits to consumers won't happen without the merger. Satellite-delivered Internet service will bring an affordable and competitive alternative to cable modems and DSL to consumers in big cities, small towns and rural areas alike. This will give me a competitive choice for Internet access and will be especially advantageous to rural communities where cable modems and DSL are not likely to be available anytime in the near future.' FURTHERMORE, THE AVAILABILITY OF SATELLITE INTERNET SERVICE IS NOT ESSENTIAL BENEFIT OF THE MERGER.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to lend your OPPOSITION to this merger.

Sincerely,

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